

Supplement to Operator's Manual for

SNAPPER

MODEL 2135XPS BLADE CONTROL MOWERS

(WITH BRIGGS & STRATTON ENGINE)

This Snapper Mower is specially equipped to stop the engine and blade within seconds after release of the BLADE CONTROL identified in the illustration below. In addition, this control makes starting of the engine impossible unless two separate and deliberate actions are performed by the operator. Operation of all other controls are the same as those on the conventional self propelled mowers described in the accompanying Operator's Manual. Be sure to read the instructions in this manual and pay particular attention to the Important Safety Instructions before attempting to operate your new mower. The following instructions apply specifically to your specially equipped mower.

WARNING: DO NOT, under any circumstance, tie the BLADE CONTROL to the handle or in any other way attempt to BY-PASS the intended function of the blade control feature on this mower-- by so doing, you could put yourself or others in DANGER of SERIOUS INJURY!

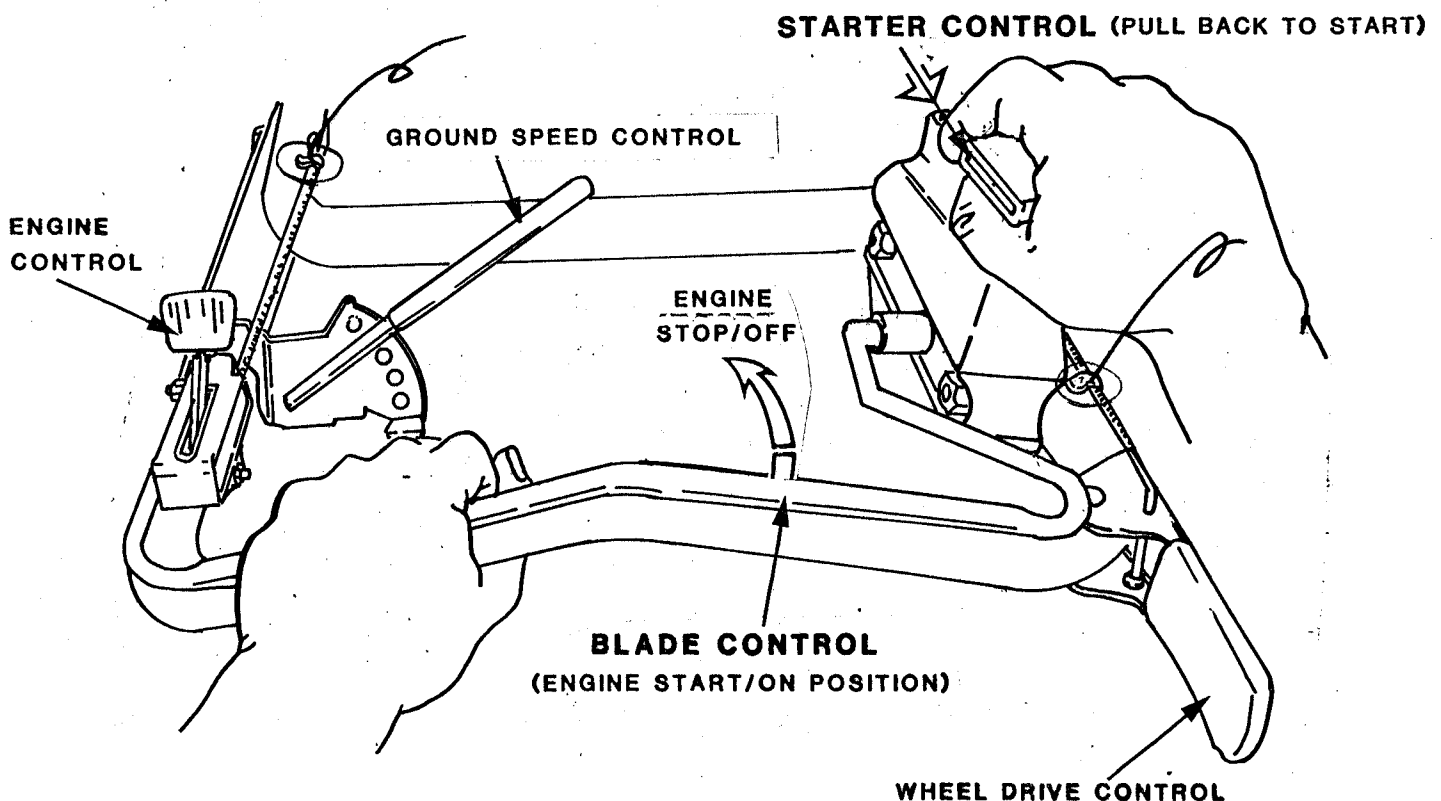
Starting Procedure

STEP 1: Move behind the handles of the mower into the operator's position and set the GROUND SPEED CONTROL in slow speed setting, and the ENGINE CONTROL to START.

STEP 2: With your left hand, pull the BLADE CONTROL back against the upper handle and hold in this position.

STEP 3: With your right hand, pull the handle of the STARTER CONTROL back and release when the engine starts.

Note that the cutting blade turns when the engine runs.



Starting Procedure (continued)

STEP 4: To start forward motion, move the WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL against the upper handle with your right hand and hold this and the BLADE CONTROL against the handle to continue forward motion and to keep the engine and the blade operating.

Stopping Procedures

TO STOP ENGINE & BLADE, release your grip on the BLADE CONTROL allowing it to move forward or pull the ENGINE CONTROL rearward to STOP position.

TO STOP FORWARD MOTION, and keep blade rotating, release the WHEEL DRIVE CONTROL while continuing to hold the BLADE CONTROL against the upper Handle.

Manual Starting Procedure

This mower is equipped with a rope starter to allow manual starting in the event the battery has lost its charge which might occur during the off season. The battery will usually be sufficiently recharged to crank the engine electrically after about an hour of operation. If it does not regain charge in this time, return the mower to your Snapper Dealer at the earliest opportunity to have the mower repaired rather than continue cranking it by hand. Use the following procedure for starting manually on a temporary basis when necessary.

STEP 1: Move the ENGINE CONTROL to start position.

STEP 2: Position yourself on the left side of the mower handles and place your left foot on the top of the left rear wheel.

STEP 3: With your right hand, pull the BLADE CONTROL down to the handle and hold securely.

STEP 4: Reach down with your left hand and grasp the starter rope handle then pull up and back to start engine. For least effort, bend at the waist and pull as you straighten up to use your back rather than arm muscles for cranking the engine.

Oil Change Procedure

When the time comes for changing oil in the crankcase of the engine (at the intervals specified in the engine owner's manual), prepare the unit for the change by first stopping the engine and disconnecting the spark plug then, after taking necessary steps to prevent the fuel from leaking out of the tank, proceed as follows: Remove the oil level dipstick from the filler tube and tilt the mower over on its right wheels to allow the old oil to drain out of the filler tube. After all oil is drained, return the mower to all four wheels and replenish with new oil of weight and grade specified in the engine manual then re-install the dipstick.

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